(c) World Bank is to provide an assistance of US $ 250 million through I.D.A. credit and a loan of US $ 200 million.

Sardar Sarovar Project

2143. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main dam of the multi-purpose Sardar Sarovar Project is to be constructed across the river at Kevada in Brooch District of South Gujarat; and

(b) if so, whether it will affect the three States of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra and by when the construction work on this will start?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. The dam is to be constructed across the River Narmada near Navagam village in Bharuch district of Gujarat.

(b) Yes, Sir. It will affect the three States of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra. However, while according investment clearance by the Planning Commission it was ensured that the project is formulated as per Narmada Water Development Tribunal's Award, which takes into account the inter-state aspects. The preliminary works like foundation excavation and treatment coffer dam, river diversion works etc. were taken up in 1978. The main dam works have gained momentum from 1987 onwards after environment clearance to the project.

High Level Steering Committee for Planning Industrial Exports

2144. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a high-level steering Committee for Planning industrial exports during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the main purpose of this Committee, how many memebrs are there and whether representations to all sections of different traders have been reported in the panel; and

(c) if so, by when the panel is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) In the context of the formulation of the Eighth Five Year Plan, the Planning Commission has set up a high level steering Committee on Industries for the Eighth Plan. The Steering Committee, in turn has set up a number of Working Groups and one of the Groups is on Industrial Planning for Exports.

(b) A copy of the order on the constitution of Working Group giving composition as well as terms of reference is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 97]

(c) The Working Group is expected to submit its report by 31-12-1988.

Vigilance Commission

2145. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Vigilance Commission has since requested Government to give it statutory status; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Equitable Distribution of Water

2146. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the model Bill circulated to the States for adoption regarding equitable distribution of water for irrigation and domestic needs;

(b) whether there is any proposal for the formulation of a national water policy; and

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be formulated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Salient features of the Model Irrigation Bill (1976) are broadly as under:—

(i) Application of water for public purposes;

(ii) Regulation of ground water in so far as it impinges on surface waters within the command of irrigation works;

(iii) Expeditious construction of irrigation and drainage works including water courses, field channels and field drains;

(iv) Construction of water courses by the State for effective utilisation of irrigation potential;

(v) Provision for on-farm development;

(vi) Supply of water and enforcement of cropping pattern;

(vii) Provisions for water-users' associations;

(viii) Levy of water rates and betterment contribution;

(ix) Enhancement of punishment for pollution of waters of irrigation work.

(b) and (c) The National Water Policy has been formulated and adopted in September, 1987.

Delay in offer of Appointments in Government Departments

2147. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1986-87 appointments in Government departments in respect of some 2000 cases recommended by U.P.S.C. were either delayed beyond limits or no appointments were made in some cases;

(b) if so, the reasons for not acting speedily on the recommendations of U.P.S.C.;

(c) whether the procedure of making appointments on the advice of U.P.S.C. is being speeded up; and

(d) if so, whether in the light of the experience the recruitment procedures to senior positions are being reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) In their report of 1986-87, the UPSC have pointed out that out of candidates recommened by the Commission for appointment, in respect of 1164 candidates offers of appointment were made only after six months and in respect of 855 candidates offers of appointment have not yet been made even though six months have lapsed. The main reasons for delay in making the offers of appointment are completion of formalities like verification of character and antecedents, medical examinations etc. Instructions have been issued by the Government from time to time for expediting these processes.